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DETAILED ACTION

Amendments

The amendment filed 8/10/06 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 4 and 6 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 6/2/05, there being no allowed generic claim. Applicant is given up to ONE MONTH from the date of this letter, but not to exceed the period remaining for response to the final rejection to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 1-3, 5, 9, and 10 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Haugland whose telephone number is (571) 272-6945. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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